

#2  
m5y  
12-601

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
In re application of: Tresser : Date: February 9, 2001  
Serial Number: Concurrent : Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Filed: Concurrent : Examiner: Unknown  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR : IBM CORPORATION  
MAINTAINING CUSTOMER PRIVACY Intellectual Property Law  
: MD90/201-1  
8501 IBM Drive  
: Charlotte, NC 28262

---

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**  
**Commissioner For Patents**  
**Washington, D. C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

The attached Form PTO-1449, and any attached foreign patent office search report, provides a listing of information which may be relevant to the subject application. This IDS is not intended as a representation that better art is not available, nor that the information provided is prior art.

This IDS is submitted under:

  X   37 CFR 1.97(b) - No Fee.

       37 CFR 1.97(c) - No Fee. Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. This communication is dated \_\_\_\_\_, which is not more than 3 months prior to the mailing of this statement.

       37 CFR 1.97(c) - Fee.

       37 CFR 1.97(d) - Fee, Certification & Petition.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge payments of any associated fees required under 37 CFR 1.17(p) and (i) (1) to Deposit Account No. 09-0469 (IBM).

Respectfully submitted,

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael F. Hoffman

Registration No. 40,019

Telephone No.: (518) 449-0044

